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Can Prove JFK Plot, Says DA

NEW ORLEANS, March 3 (UPI)—District Attorney Jim Garrison says he can prove that Lee Harvey Oswald was part of a conspiracy, hatched in Havana and nurtured in New Orleans, that came to fruition in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963.

According to Garrison, Oswald, civic leader Clay Shaw, former airline pilot David W. Ferrie and "others" plotted in September of 1963 in New Orleans to assassinate President John F. Kennedy.

With Shaw's arrest behind him, Garrison said there would be more arrests, more than "most people expect."

Shaw, the 54-year-old former managing director of the New Orleans International Trade Mart, maintains he is "completely innocent." He was free on $10,000 bond. Garrison has asked for a preliminary hearing March 14.

Shaw is the only person thus far identified by Garrison as part of the alleged conspiracy who is alive. Oswald was killed by Jack Ruby Nov. 24, 1963. Ferrie died of a brain hemorrhage Feb. 22.

In Washington yesterday, President Johnson said he saw no reason to change his previous statements accepting the conclusions of the Warren Commission report, which concluded that Oswald acted alone in the assassination. Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark said the FBI cleared Shaw after questioning about the assassination in 1963.

In Tokyo, Done DeLone, a San Francisco port authority official, said Shaw was in San Francisco on Nov. 22, 1963, the day of the murder.

Garrison also identified Shaw also as having used the alias, "Clay Bertrand." Shaw said he had never used an alias.

An affidavit filed by Garrison said an "informant" was present at the meetings of the alleged conspirators and saw "the conspirators and heard the plan."

In another development, Dean A. Andrews Jr., himself an assistant district attorney in neighboring Jefferson Parish was subpoenaed to appear in connection with the investigation.

HATCHED IN CUBA

Radio station WINS last night broadcast a report that District Attorney Garrison "believes President Kennedy was murdered by a group of plotters directed from Cuba."

WINS broadcast a copyrighted story filed by newsman Doug Edelson, who said he got his information from "a responsible, unimpeachable source who has had access to Garrison's files."

The story said Garrison's files indicated that Cuban Premier Fidel Castro put out an "execution order" on Kennedy after the abortive Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba.

Four Cuban assassination teams were organized in the United States, Edelson said, made up of Cuban sympathizers and Cuban nationals who had infiltrated the borders."

Edelson said one of the teams was picked up in New York and interrogated by the FBI, and details of the plot were learned.